2. The question of water-supply to Alleppey has, as you know, been engaging my attention ever since my visit to Alleppey. The question is beset with many problems. Do what you will, you get nothing but brackish water at Alleppey; deep boring will yield nothing but brackish water. Wells that have been deep sunk have yielded nothing better. The only solution there is to seek your water elsewhere. I think Pallaturutti is the most likely source. However, I may tell you now that I am endeavouring to secure the services, for a short time, of an expert in the matter of water supply schemes. If I can secure his services, I hope to have the question of Alleppey water-supply also examined soon.

3. As to placing the canals in the charge of the municipality, that, I think, is not a matter which the Government can assent to ; it is something more than a municipal concern.

4. All the other points of your representation will receive attention.

131. Improvement of facilities for trade at Alleppey.

MR. V. OOMMEN JACOB (*Member, Trading Classes, Alleppey*) made the following suggestions for the development of trade at Alleppey and requested that they should be carried out soon.

(*a*) Construction of at least three very large godowns at the beach for the purpose of enabling merchants to stock goods before shipment and also to stock goods that are landed.

(*b*) Construction of a wharf and the provision of godown accommodation at the western end of the Commercial Canal near the recreation ground and connecting the same by means of rails with the pier.

(*c*) Construction of a dock near the hospital, for the mooring of sea-boats during bad weather.

(*d*) Provision of a steam tug to tow sea-boats.

(*e*) Construction of three foot bridges (besides the one proposed near Chunkam) across the Commercial Canal at convenient distances.

(*f*) A Commercial Intelligence Bureau should be attached to the local Assistant Excise Commissioner's Office.

(*g*) Completion of the Alleppey-Quilon road so as to make it fit for motor-traffic.

132. Suggestions for the general improvement of Alleppey.

MR. V. OOMMEN JACOB (*Member, Trading Classes, Alleppey*) represented that, though Alleppey was the commercial metropolis of the State and its trade was increasing day by day, the roads were in a miserable condition. The municipality had no funds to maintain them in a better condition, and some arrangement should be made in the matter of funds.

The canals which served a very important function at Alleppey were getting silted up where reinforced concrete works had not been done. Damage to adjacent roads was also caused often. Reinforced concrete works should be undertaken in the remaining places, and the maintenance works should be more carefully attended to.

The small lanes and paths in the town should be improved, widened and metalled. The Municipality wanted the works to be done by the Government as they were original works, while the Government regarded them as a purely municipal concern. The Government should issue definite orders for the work being done by the proper agency.

The two bridges at Chunkam were in a damaged condition and should be repaired immediately. A new bridge should be constructed across the main canal. A foot-bridge would suffice. Two bridges were also necessary across the Vadattodu, one near the Government timber depot and the other at the present Vazhichery ferry.

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